**Boy Overboard – Plot Summary**

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| 1 - Playing soccer  Jamal  Aziz – small, fast  Mussa  Jamal  Zoltan  Yusuf – one leg  Bibi arrives – runs after ball into desert | 2 – Ball stopped by tank. It is not abandoned and moves. Bibi throws stones at it | 3 – Jamal confronts the tank and gets back his ball | 4 – Bibi and Yusuf stop the mine going off. Jamal takes Bibi’s place, but she comes back and hugs Jamal – they fall off, but the mine doesn’t explode | 5 – Bibi, Yusuf and Jamal head home. Jamal breaks a window . Saved by Jamal’s dad who is a taxi driver. Yusuf goes home to grandfather | 6 – Jamal’s parents reveal that they have to flee – the school they ran for girls has been discovered  Plot activity |
| 7 Mum says the candlestick will keep them safe. They bury school things, pack to go.  Favourite things – describing own | 8 – At Yusuf’s – Yusuf’s grandad explains what overboard means when Jamal is watching English soccer on his illegal TV. Jamal has a plan to be a soccer player for Afghanistan  Doing their own ridiculous explanations of words | 9 – Jamal practises soccer at night in the street. Bibi turns up and hits the ball into their house which explodes – dad appears. | 10 – Dad takes them back to Yusuf’s grandad’s cellar. He says Mum will meet them in the city. Jamal and Bibi leave with Dad in his taxi.  Pearson activity – writing on Yusuf’s cast? | 11 – Dad drops Bibi and jamal at a shop and goes on alone to soccer stadium – leaves Jamal thinks it’s about him and soccer and decides they should go  Tape tree activity - Pearson  Unreliable narrator? – First person – has to be there. Blooms task? | 12 – Bibi and Jamal go to the stadium. They see Mum tied up and finally Jamal realises she’s been arrested for being a teacher and will be shot – but Dad rescues her in his taxi. Bibi and Jamal hurry back to the shop |
| 13 Back at shop candle burning, but no parents – but they do turn up. Disguise taxi – will get across city and then sell. Jamal wants he and Bibi to be soccer stars that can form a new government  Could do family trees here. Character web – families in novel | 14 – Jumps in action  The family are in a truck hidden – on the way out of Afghanistan. Parents say they are going to Australia to start a new life. | 15 – They are in a refugee camp. Boy tries to get Jamal to buy water. Jamal kicks the ball to him – he steals it. Jamal gets it back but is in different part of camp- with starving sick. Meets Australian – excited by what Gav says, but realises lost | 16 – The boy returns and starts to take Jamal back. They see UN officials –but they leave. Jamal returns to tent, but is terrified to see uniformed officials there  (Could do cartoon strip here of key moments) | 17 – Jamal thinks they are Afghan government spies. In fact Dad giving police money to get them to Australia. Mum sad. | 18 – At the airport. They get on to the plane that will take them to the boat. Jamal realises that smugglers not hte UN are transporting them and that his mum sold the candlestick for money to get there |
| 19 – The plane takes off | 20 – They’re at the dock after being kept in a hot stuffy house. Bibi and Jamal practise soccer whilst waiting. Boy from camp tries to get ball – ends up over fence | 21 – Gates open to get on boat. Try to get to parents, but Bibi goes to get ball. The boy from camp helps and slips into water. Try to get stick from sailor who throws Bibi in after she bites his leg. | 22 – Jamal jumps in. Sailor gets them out. Their parents are on another boat which leaves. | 23 – Jamal restrains Bibi. The smuggler can’t contact the other boat. The boy from the camp is there too – Omar – with the ball.  Bibi insults here with the improvisations | 24 – They save a teenage girl whose blanket caught fire. She is different – make up, shorts, T shirt |
| 25 Girl is Rashida. Gives food to them and Omar. They practise ball skills. Jamal notices she has flour | 26 Jamal cooks bread on the engine – water coming into the boat | 27 People enjoy Jamal’s bread. Waves are bigger | 28 Smugglers demand more money to carry on. Rashida gives a watch for the four of them.  Rashida Activity | 29 They’ve been travelling for six days. It is Bibi’s birthday. We learn that Rashida was born in Australia – they went back to Afghanistan and then couldn’t get back to Australia | 30 – Pirates arrive to whom the smugglers belong. Pirates take a girl. Rashida and Bibi are disguised and do soccer skills. Jamal beats a pirate at soccer and is badly kicked in the hip. Pirates go with smugglers. Only people and 3 sailors. |
| 31 – Jamal is woken from a soccer dream by Bibi screaming as huge waves crash on them. | 32 – Bibi and Jamal are scooping water out of the boat – tough like bakers.  Outlines of Bibi and Jamal with post it notes  Again walk around – write something about them | 33 – Australian gun ship arrives | 34 – In the cabin of the ship. Andrew looking after them – Bibi better. Omar turns up. Still no sign of parents. | 35 – They are taken to what Jamal thinks is Australia. Omar, Jamal, Bibi and Rashida insist on staying together | 36 – Playing soccer. Refugees versus Aussies. Then they hear Jamal’s parents’ boat sank. |
| 37 – Jamal finds out he is not in Australia | 38 – Jamal is heartbroken – his soccer ball is punctured and parents gone. Rashida says she will be there for him and Bibi.  Symbols activity | 39 – Omar admits he’s an orphan. His ancestors were thieves. Jamal sees himself as a combination of his ancestors – bakers and desert warriors. | 40 – Jamal is woken by Bibi – Mum and Dad survived after all. The family is reunited. | 41 – Jamal tells his parents they are really on an island and that he and Bibi plan to become soccer stars to rebuild Afghanistan | 42 – Andrew the Australian officer apologises for the fact that Jamal can’t go to Australia. Jamal feels everything will be alright.  Their feelings about last chapter |